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SUBJECT: SALE OF MIRAGES TO IRAQ

1. A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE HAS TOLD USINT THAT THE GOI WILL NOT REPEAT NOT PURCHASE MIRAGE AIRCRAFT FROM FRANCE. THE IRAQIS NOW EXPECT TO RECEIVE MIG-25'S AND SEE LITTLE PROFIT IN ANNOYING THEIR RELIABLE ARMS SUPPLIER BY PURCHASING MILITARY AIRCRAFT ELSEWHERE. IRAQIS ALSO FEEL THAT FRENCH, WHO ARE UNABLE TO SUPPLY BROAD RANGE OF ARAMENTS, MIGHT BE UNABLE TO RESIST U.S. AND ISRAELI PRESSURE TO RESTRICT SUPPLIES AT CRITICAL TIME.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR RECENTLY TOLD USINT PRINCIPAL
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OFFICER THAT EARLIER FRENCH PRESS REPORTS TRUMPETING

IMMINENT SALE OF MIRAGES TO IRAQ WERE "UNDULY OPTIMISTIC."
ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR, PRICE OF AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN
MAJOR OBSTACLE TO AGREEMENT.
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